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The following report on the working of Prohibition during May 1948 in the 16 districts where it is now in force is published for information.

I. Enforcement.

Cases:- The total number of cases detected during the month in all the 16 Prohibition districts was 4,873 as against 5,138 cases detected during the previous month. There was a marked decrease in the number of cases detected in the districts of Anantapur, Kurnool Cuddapah, Coimbatore, Chittoor, South Kanara and Malabar. Of the total number of cases reported in the 16 districts, 2,233 cases related to illicit distillation and kindred offences as against 2,565 cases during the previous month. 95 cases of illicit tapping for fermented toddy and 50 cases of tapping of sweet toddy without licences were reported during the month. There was only one case of permitting sweet toddy to ferment in South Kanara district as against 6 cases in the previous month. The number of cases of smuggling of liquor from outside the Province fell from 62 to 47 during the month. There was no organized smuggling of liquor on a large scale from bordering States. There was a slight increase in the total number of cases relating to intoxicating drugs from 175 during the previous month to 180 during the month.

Border problems: The patrol staff were generally active. The closure of shops in the Mysore and Pukukottai States within five miles of the Prohibition districts of this Province tended to decrease the number of cases of smuggling from State territories into dry district and the number of addicts going to those states for drink.

Ameliorative work:--

Rural recreation: -- The Rural Welfare Officers and Assistant Rural Welfare Officers conducted rural games in 1335 villages. 49 firka tournaments, 6 taluk tournaments and one district tournament were held during the month and they attracted large corwds. Rural exhibitions and cattle shows were also held and prizes were awarded to the winners.

Bhajanas, harikathas etc.:- Bhajanas, Harikathas and Kalakshep were held in 1,301 villages during the month. Folk dances, dramasor cinemas were held in 489 villages at the instance of the ameliorative staff. The ballad singers organised community singing in 288 villages and trained 1,991 villagers.

Grama Sangams:- 283 gramasangams were organised during the month. Out of the gramasangams formed till the end of the month, 5,454 gramasangams were active during the month and continued to do gppd work in the direction of rural water supply, sanitation, medical aid, communications, education and rural amusement.

Thrift:- A total sum of Rs. 31,635 was saved in hundi boxes during the month bringing the total amount saved upto the end of the mon to Rs. 3,34,442.

Alternative employment for ex-tappers:- A co-operative society for coir workers was organised in Madura district and a tape makers co-operative society was organised in Guntur district. Two khadi Spinning and Weaving societies were organised in Tiruchirapally district. In Salem district 3 of the existing land colonisation Co-operative Societies assigned lands for 160 tappers. Milk Supply

Societies were organised during the month in the districts of Malabar Tiruchirapalli, Guntur, Nellore and Cuddapah districts. A labour contract society was also organized in Cuddapah district.

468 jaggery manufacturing societies were organised till the end of the month in 12 out of the 16 districts. The number of members in the societies was 32,798. 68775 maunds of jaggery work Rs.2,07,481 were produced during the month bringing the total quantity produced till the end of the month to 7,46,419 maunds worth Rs. 24,76,617.

Uplift of women: The members of the Department of Women's Welfare attended to ameliorative work amongg the women in the villages in the districts of Salem, Tanjore, Tiruchirapalli, North Arcot, Nellor and Bellary.

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